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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL TANZANIAN THOUGHTS ON RHODESIAN PROPOSAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA CALLED ME TO SEE HIM AT 8:00 P.M.
AUGUST 30 TO SHARE WITH ME "ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS" WHICH HE AND
PRESIDENT NYERERE HAD HAD SINCE THIS AFTERNOONS' MEETING. MKAPA
BEGAN BY SAYING THAT THE US INCLUDING TODAY HAS ALWAYS STATED
ADEQUATELY OUR OBJECTIVES. EACH TIME THE TANZANIANS WENT AWAY
BEING SOMEWHAT LESS CERTAIN ABOUT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH
THE BRITISH. THE PRESIDENT WANTED HIM TO MAKE FURTHER INQUIRY ON
ONE POINT BECAUSE WHEN THE PROPOSALS WERE PUBLISHED THURSDAY, IF
NYERERE HAD TO REJECT THEM, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO
DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE US AND THE UK. HE ADDED THE HOPE THAT
"WE WILL NOT FIND OURSELVES IN THIS POSITION."

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2. HE AND NYERERE WERE HAPPIEST WITH THE WORDS "BASED PRE-
DOMINANTLY ON THE PATRIOTIC FORCES" BUT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THIS
AFTERNOON THAT "LIBERATION FORCES" WAS EQUALLY ACCEPTABLE.
HOWEVER, THIS LEFT THEM WONDERING ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH "PREDOM-
INANCE." DO WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE LIBERATION FORCES
WILL BE THE "BASE" OF THE NEW ARMY? IF THAT IS TRUE, TANZANIANS
ARE PREPARED TO LEAVE TO NEGOTIATIONS THE TASK OF GIVING THEM

A "PREDOMINANT" POSITION.

3. IN WHAT THE PRESIDENT AND MKAPA HAD BEEN ABLE TO READ OF THE PAPER DR. OWEN HAD SHOWN THEM THEY SENSED AN EQUATING OF SMITH'S ARMY AND THE LIBERATION FORCES. THIS BOTHERED THEM. THEY STILL WONDERED IF THE INTENTION WAS TO MAKE BOTH SMITH'S ARMY AND THE LIBERATION FORCES COMPLETE EQUALS. TANZANIA AGREED THAT "ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS" OF SMITH'S FORCES COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW ARMY AS LONG AS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY ARE "ACCRETIONS" AND THAT THE LIBERATION FORCES ARE THE BASE. THEY LOOKED FOR HELPFUL WORDS IN SECRETARY OWEN'S STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT BUT IF THESE WORDS WERE NEGATED BY COUNTERBALANCING ONES, THAT WOULD NOT WORK. TO SUM UP THEIR POSITION, "IF THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT SAYS 'BASED ON LIBERATION FORCES' AND THERE IS NOTHING ELSE IN THE STATEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE SAME SECTION, TO NEGATE THIS CONCEPT (I.E., TO PROMOTE CO-EQUALITY AND THREATEN LIBERATION PREDOMINANCE), EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT." OTHERWISE, THERE WILL BE MAJOR PROBLEMS."

4. I SAID THAT I DID NOT THINK THAT THEIR "ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS" HAD PRODUCED A NEW PROBLEM. WE ALL UNDERSTOOD WHERE WE WERE GOING. THE "PREDOMINANCE" OF THE LIBERATION FORCES COULD CERTAINLY BE NEGOTIATED, AS COULD WHICH ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT FORCES WERE "ACCEPTABLE".

5. I WOULD PASS THESE "ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS" OF PRESIDENT NYERERE
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TO WASHINGTON. WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT WAS SECRETARY OWEN'S STATEMENT, NOT JOINT PROPOSALS, AND I DID NOT KNOW THAT WE HAD MUCH RIGHT TO TRY TO TELL HIM WHAT TO SAY. I ASKED MKAPA IF HE INTENDED TO CONVEY THESE "ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS" TO MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE ALSO. HE SAID NO. I SAID I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF I DID SINCE AFTER ALL WE WERE DEALING WITH A STATEMENT BY THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY. HE SAID I SHOULD USE MY OWN JUDGEMENT ON THAT.
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